(*a*) the sites selected by the previous Engineers for the construction of the dam across the river Sharavati for the generation of electric power at Jog;

(*b*) the height of the dam proposed by them and the estimated cost thereof;

(*c*) whether the present Engineers suggested the selection of a different site for the dam;

(*d*) if so, the height of the dam now proposed to be constructed and the estimated cost thereof?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**—

(*a*) The sites selected are called Gilagandy, Karagalla, Honnemardu and Hirebhaskar.

(*b*) The height of the dam depends upon the amount of power the Government decide to produce.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*) above.

State Forests near Agumbe Ghat Frontier.

Q.—37. **Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) the total number of the various kinds of trees felled and removed from the State Forests near Agumbe Ghat frontier in Tirthahalli Taluk from the year 1930 to end of 30th June 1938:

(ii) the total quantity of timber (in feet) of various kinds felled and removed therefrom;

(iii) the number of Balgi trees removed; the number of Balgi logs and other timber that are proposed to be felled hereafter;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that for these reasons the thick growth of forest area is getting thinner;

(*c*) whether it has also come to their notice that, for the same reasons, rainfall on the Western Ghats is diminishing;

(*d*) whether any arrangements are made for planting fresh trees in view of the diminution in rainfall;

(*e*) if so, in how many years can the trees be expected to fill in the gaps left by the removal of timber?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) (i) 3,873 trees.

(ii) 8,28,466 c.ft.

(iii) 14,260 poles. During the current year, it is proposed to extract 650 poles. Future exploitation will depend upon the demand and the market conditions.

(*b*) Not to any appreciable extent.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The rate of growth is being watched and it is too early to forecast when the new trees will be ready for exploitation.

Indebtedness in Mysore.

Q.—38. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk), and K. MALLE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total indebtedness of the people of Mysore;

(*b*) whether Government have conducted any economic survey;

(*c*) the steps taken to relieve the debtors of their indebtedness?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) No precise information is available.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Usurious Loans Act, The Agriculturists' Relief Act and the Debt Reconciliation Act were introduced. The Civil Procedure Code has been recently amended raising the limit of salary exempt from attachment. The question of adopting a Money Lenders' Act is under consideration.

Capital Works undertaken by the Kadur District Board.

Q.—39. **Messrs. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk), and K. MALLE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).**—